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I trust that my very limited experience may put observers in South and East England on to the track of finding the larva and thus of enabling them to publish the full life-history of this attractive insect. " Brunleigh," Grange-over-Sauds, 24.ii.1947.

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES ON THE LONGICORN COLEOPTERA OF WALES.

By RAYMOND R. U. KAUFMANN.

Since the publication of the collated list of the Welsh Longicorns (antea 105-8), a number of additional records, many of them new to the county lists, have been received; these are here brought forward, together with a few minor emendations and corrections to the original list.

An important paper on some Merionethshire beetles (Sharpe, J. S., 1946. A few Coleoptera of western Merionethshire. Ent. mon. Mag., 82: 203-5), considerably supplements what is already known of the Longicorns from that county, and is more particularly interesting in that it shows the spread in a westerly direction of the known whereabouts of the beautiful Saperda scalaris, L. Thanks are expressed to the following correspondents who have sent new details of captures in Wales :- S. E. W. Carlier, J. Cribb, F. H. Day, J. H. Flint, G. de C. Fraser (for some much-needed data from Flintshire), M. G. Fraser, E. F. Gilmour, H. M. Hallett, who has pointed out some spelling errors in place-names in the first list, and B. Verdcourt. Mr Hallett has suggested that the Longicornia of Monmouthshire should be included in a Welsh list for a variety of quite cogent reasons, but as this would entail the inclusion of the other march counties of Herefordshire and Shropshire on somewhat similar grounds, it has been decided to continue such omissions until some future occasion.

These errors occurred in the first paper :- Llandridnod Wells instead of Llandrindod Wells; Pennllrgaer instead of Penllergaer; Caermarthen instead of Carmarthen; and the county symbol MN, was missed out in front of Llyn Cwmbychan for Strangalia guadrifasciata, L.

The revised analytical summary of county species now reads as under : ----

County Symbol BR. CD. CM. CR. DB. FT. GM. MG. MN. PB. RA. No. of Species 1

found

6 1* 8 11 28*4 4 19 7 9 Unclassified. 1*

*Including importations.

DISTRIBUTIONAL DATA

(New County Records are marked with a dagger (†)).

CERAMBYCIDAE.

Tetropium gabrieli, Weise-Merioneth (MN.): Dyffryn (Sharpe). An interesting addition to the Welsh list, and one which brings the total number of species recorded to 34.

Rhagium bifasciatum, F.—Flint (FT.)†: Cefn Bychan (near Mold), 29/3/46 (G. de C. Fraser), common. MN.: Cader Idris, 7/44 (B. Steel, per B. Verdcourt); Cwm-yr-afon (Sharpe); Dolgoth Falls, 11/8/46 (E. F. Gilmour).

R. mordax Degeer—FT.†: Cefn Bychan, 29/3/46 (G. de C. Fraser); 7/46 (M. G. Fraser), common, especially on dogroses. MN.: Cwm-yr-afon (Sharpe).

Grammoptera ruficornis, F.-FT.⁺: Cefn Bychan, 6/7/46 (G. de C. Fraser), common. MN.: Cwm-yr-afon (Sharpe).

Alosterna tabacicolor, Degeer-MN.: Cwm-yr-afon (Sharpe). Radnor (RA.)†: Knighton, 15/6/42 (S. E. W. Carlier), on Torilis.

Judolia cerambyciformis, Schrank-MN.: Cwm-yr-afon (Sharpe).

Strangalia aurulenta, F.—RA.⁺: Llandrindod Wells, 1931 (J. Cribb). S. quadrifasciata, L.—MN.: Cwm-yr-afon (Sharpe).

S. maculata, Poda—Glamorgan (GM.): Cwrt-yr-ala (omitted from Tomlin's Glamorganshire list). MN.: Cwm-yr-afon (Sharpe); Rhydymain, 17/6/43 (G. de C. Fraser); Towyn, 6/46 (J. H. Flint).

S. melanura, L.-MN.: Dyffryn (Sharpe).

Clytus arietis, L.—Cardigan (CD.): Aberystwyth, examples in the Collins-Murgatrovd collection, now in G. de C. Fraser's possession. FT.†: Cefn Bychan, 4/5/44 (G. de C. Fraser); 7/46 (M. G. Fraser). GM.: Cardiff, Castell Coch; Swansea (omitted from Tomlin's Glamorganshire list). MN.: Cwm-yr-afon (Sharpe).

LAMIIDAE.

Pogonocherus hispidulus, Pill. & Mitt.—RA.†: Knighton, 5/4/44 (S. E. W. Carlier), by beating hazel in a mixed beech and oak wood.

P. hispidus, L.-RA. +: Builth Road, 9/46 (F. H. Day).

Leiopus nebulosus, L.—Caernarvon (CR.)[†]: Aber, 5/9/16 (S. E. W. Carlier), flying round oaks. MN.: Dyffryn (Sharpe). RA.[†]: Knighton, 26/6/45 (S. E. W. Carlier), by beating oaks.

Saperda scalaris, L.-MN.: near Llyn Cwmbychan (Sharpe).

THE OAK PROMINENTS.

By AN OLD MOTH-HUNTER.

Having spent the years 1941-1945 in a part of this island wherein the three oak-eating Prominents, N. anceps, D. trimacula, and D. ruficornis, were more plentiful than I have found them elsewhere, it has occurred to me that some of the observations which I made on these insects in the field may be of interest to beginners. For I found all three species in all four stages, and also reared broods of them in cages, from egg to imago. It must be borne in mind, however, that the idiosyncrasies of a moth in one part of the country are not always those which the same species exhibits elsewhere. Autres champs, autres moeurs. Yet on testing my experience one day in Essex last year I found that it held good for at least one of these species (ruficornis), and had I had the time and the opportunity to search for the other two it is at least possible that confirmation would have been forthcoming with regard to these as well.